February 4, 1949

Mr. William H. Sheldon
Columbia Medical Center
Broadway at 168th
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Sheldon:

You have no idea how enjoyable your short, quick visit was, and you vanished as quickly as you came. I worried about whether you and your train were going to be going in the same direction, but I presume you would have called me if you had missed the connection.

In any event, I am very much looking forward to your book. It will be a great help to me. My article on Fugio cents, in completed galley proofs, just came today and it ought to be off the press very shortly.

If you have some time to let me know what is in the Hine's colonial collection I will be very appreciative.

I sincerely hope that your surprise visit will be an introduction to many pleasant hours together in the future.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

February 9, 1949

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Bixson Brothers Stores, Inc.
205 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am acutely embarrassed by the arrival of your friendly and welcome note. Fully intended to write to you before this but returned from the Texas trip only 10 days ago and had to go to Boston almost immediately. Just got back.

The meeting with you was indeed pleasant. I was astonished and delighted by your strength in early American coins. I look forward to further acquaintanceship with you and particularly to further instruction on colonial coins.

When will you be coming to New York? By all means plan to visit me here at the Columbia Medical Center. Perhaps we could manage to take a couple of hours off and look at the Pierpont Clay Collection at the American Numismatic Society.

The book Early American Cents is still not quite ready. I understand they are going to fool around with the plates for another week or so, and the book will be available within a month.

I have not had time to look at coins since returning from the trip to the South but will look at the Hines collection very soon and will try to give you a rough inventory. Meanwhile I have offered that collection intact to another collector who may possibly take it at a price greater than I had intended to ask. I expect, though, that I will keep it for a while and that I will have it to show you when you come to New York.

Meanwhile best regards,

Wm. Sheldon

W. H. Sheldon, M. D.
The Constitution Laboratory
Columbia Medical Center

P.S. Yes, I made the train all right. A taxi came along at almost the exact moment that you disappeared in search of your car. I got there about one minute ahead of schedule. The train left 40 minutes behind schedule.

July 29, 1949

Dr. W. H. Sheldon
The Constitution Laboratory
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New York 32, New York

Dear Dr. Sheldon:

I want to congratulate you on your book on Early Cents. From a preliminary glance at a copy belonging to a friend I see that it is just exactly what all of us were looking for. I am sure I have a great treat in store for me when I obtain a copy of the book for myself. Would appreciate it very much if you would autograph a copy and send it to me (with a bill, of course).

I am enclosing herewith for your library the Die Varieties of the Fugio Cent, which I discussed with you when you were in St. Louis. Up to date no one has pointed out any missing variety, but in due course those things usually happen.

You at least had the problem of correcting all the previous literature on the subject of Early Cents, and for that reason your book probably will be as completely accurate as a book of that sort can be. Since I was the first one to tackle the Fugio Cents I do not know what to expect. Your book no doubt will put me on the project of reclassifying all of my U.S. Cents, and I look forward to that pleasure.

You were going to tell me a little bit more about the Hines colonials, and if you have a spare moment I would appreciate it.

I look forward to seeing you whenever I am in New York, but as yet have not had the opportunity to make the trip.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me
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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

August 22, 1949

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for the Die Varieties of the Fugio Cents. This is a delightful little monograph. I have fifteen or so varieties of these, and I am looking forward to checking them against your plates, come September when I get back to winter quarters. At present I am working on some research out on Long Island and I am away from numismatic matters.

It was good of you to say so kind a word about the Cent book. I look forward to discussing that book with you in some detail. Please do not fail to let me know in advance when you are next to be in New York (after September 15th). I hope to arrange for a good visit with you.

You ask me for a copy of the Cent book. Actually I have nothing to do with its distribution. It is a regularly published Harper book (Harper & Brothers, 49 East 33rd St., New York). But I will be glad to autograph a copy for you and if you will look me up in New York, and do not already have one I shall insist on giving you one.

Meanwhile it is with distinct pleasure that I anticipate seeing you.

Cordially,
W. H. Sheldon
W. H. Sheldon

PS: About the Hines colonials: there are about 140 of these, including at least a half dozen extreme rarities. I have never done anything with them but have put them away in a cigar box. You can look them over when you come to New York. If you want them I guess you can have them at a very reasonable price. As I told you I bought the entire Hines Collection and sold off everything (mostly to the dealers) except the early cents and the colonials.

October 6, 1949

Dr. W. H. Sheldon
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Dear Dr. Sheldon:

I regret to say that I have not had an opportunity to be in New York since hearing from you on August 22, 1949 and, therefore, will have to postpone our meeting until such time as one of us goes into the den of the other.

You indicated that you were going to check your Fugio cents, and I am wondering if you found any new varieties not listed by me.

I have just finished classifying all of my coins according to your book and it certainly was a pleasure. As you noted when you were out here, my 1802 with 000 in the fraction is uncirculated gorgeous and much finer than those about which you knew.

With respect to the Hines colonials, I wonder if you have a list of the coins, especially a list of the rarities. If you have, I would appreciate your sending it to me.

I am doing some new research on colonial coinage and will come out with some unimportant publication in due course.

At the present time the Art Museum in St. Louis has all of the art showing views on the Mississippi River, and there has been a great deal of interest in a group of bank notes I loaned to them for the purpose. Curiously enough, the bank notes recorded pictures of activities which apparently were not otherwise preserved.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPNewman/mc